Under-utilisation of funds fur construction of roads and highways

2755. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have not utilized a substantial amount allocated for construction of roads and highways;

(b) if so, the names of these States and amount given and not utilized by each of them; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government against these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. The Ministry also allocates funds for development of State roads from Central Road Fund. The States have utilised substantial amount allocated for development of National Highways during 2001-2002. However as regards Central Road Fund, many States have not utilised the available funds in full as per details in Statement *(See* below).

(c) In order to optimise the utilisation, works amounting to at least twice the annual accrual of the State from Central Road Fund arc being sanctioned. The matter has been pursued at various levels including at the level of Chief Ministers of States requesting them to expedite progress of approved works and furnish Utilisation Certificate to facilitate the release of funds.

Statement

Accruals and Release of Funds under Central Road Fund during 2001-2002

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No	Name of States/UTs	Accruals	Amount Released based on receipt of Utilisation Certificate
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8088.00	5137.66
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1080.00	371.00
3.	Assam	1473.00	463.00
4.	Bihar	2612.00	0.00
5.	Chandigarh	238.00	0.00
6.	Chhattisgarh	2256.00	1536.00
7.	Delhi	2673.00	0.00
8.	Goa	380.00	0.00
9.	Gujarat	6784.00	3636.00
10.	Haryana	3205.00	2094.00
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1025.00	394.55
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	2973.00	446.31
13.	Jharkhand	1785.00	0.00
14.	Karnataka	5550.00	1196.00
15.	Kerala	2615.00	0.00
16.	Madhya Pradesh	6191.00	914.05
17.	Maharashtra	10318.00	933 20
18.	Manipur	318.00	111.00
19.	Meghalaya	434.00	298.00
20.	Mizoram	290.00	590.00
21.	Nagaland	241.00	126.00
22.	Orissa	2861.00	0.00
23.	Pondicherry	219.00	0.00
24.	Punjab	4116.00	1027.00
25.	Rajasthan	7584.00	5054.00
26.	Sikkim	107.00	37.00
27.	Tamil Nadu	6643.00	4000.00
28.	Tripura	187.00	143.70
29.	Uttar Pradesh	8851.00	123.68
30.	Uttaranchal	1076.00	453.00
31.	West Bengal	3627.00	874.05
32.	A & N Admn.	17'8.00	0.00

1	2	3	4
33.	Daman & Diu Dadra	87.00	0.00
34.	Nagar Haveli	130.00	0.00
35.	Lakshadweep	8.00	0.00

Irregularity in construction of roads in NE States

2756. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news article which appeared in 'The Indian Express', dated 17th March, 2002, under the heading "North East States in deals for roads to nowhere—Tender system given go-by as work is split up *ad-hoc* between a number of contractors"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and what corrective' steps have been taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The roads mentioned in the news article published in 'The Indian Express' dated 17.3.2002 arc State Roads. This Ministry is mainly responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways only.

Financing the Highway Projects

2757. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highways Authority of India has initiated steps with the Infrastructure Development Finance Company to launch a mutual fund to finance the highway projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the agreement with the IDFC is likely to be finalised; and